THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE V. ESWARAIAH

WRIT PETITION No.19703 OF 2006

DATED: 17-07-2007

BETWEEN

M/s. Farmers Recreation and Welfare Society, a Registered Society vide Regn. No.878/2005, 6-8-65/A, Bhuktapur, Adilabad Town and District, rep. by its President, S. Darma Reddy, S/o. Ashanna, R/o.6-8-65/A, Bhuktapur, Adilabad Town and District.

...PETITIONER

AND

Superintendent of Police, Adilabad District at Adilabad and others.

...RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

The petitioner seeks a Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents to forebear from interfering with the activity of the petitioner in providing a card room for the benefit of its members and guests for playing game of rummy with stakes and pool game in premises at H.No.6-8-65/A, Bhuktapur, Adilabad District and also to direct the respondents not to interfere or obstruct with the lawful running of the of the petitioner club.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Pleader for Home.

3. The subject matter of this writ petition is squarely covered by the

judgment of the Division Bench of this Court in **TWIN CITIES CINEMA CULTURAL CENTRE (FORMERLY TWIN CITIES CLUB), JUBILEE HILLS, HYDERABAD v. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, A.P., HYDERABAD AND OTHERS**[1] wherein the order of the learned single Judge dated 11.06.2002 is clarified.

4. Following the same, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction that the police authorities cannot obstruct the petitioner-Club from conducting card room where the members and guests of the petitioner's cultural center are allowed to play the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game). At the same time, it is made clear that the police are always at liberty to enter the premises and check as to whether the cultural center of the Club is conducting card room where the members and guests of petitioner's cultural center are playing the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game) for the purpose of verification. If they receive any intimation, the police may enter the club and verify the same and proceed further if the members and guests of petitioner's cultural center play other than the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game). The police authorities are also at liberty to proceed with the cases, which are already registered.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

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V. ESWARAIAH, J

July 17, 2007
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[1] 2002 (5) ALT 805 (D.B.)